

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Security Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, DCI Security Committee

FROM:

[REDACTED]
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Computer Security - Communications

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1. Action Requested: Your signature on the attached memorandum to Dr. Gerald Dinneen proposing [REDACTED] as SECOM observer on the National Communications Security Committee's Working Group charged to develop a charter and policy recommendations on computer security.

2. Background: [REDACTED] proposed extension of the charter of the Computer Security Subcommittee to cover use of computers in communications was rejected by NSA and CIA SECOM Principals. I am concerned that lack of security attention to this vital and growing area will ultimately force some other body to address it. I believe that there should be coordination and cooperation in such efforts with our Subcommittee. In the search for a fix, I note that Dr. Dinneen heads the revitalized National Communications Security Committee. [REDACTED] is the CIA member. Inman himself is the NSA member and went to the first meeting in September. There will be two meetings a year. At the September meeting, the NCSC agreed they were "a logical forum to advance recommendations on computer security policy." A Working Group will develop a charter and policy recommendations.

3. Staff Position: It seems that there should be **STATINTL**
coordination and cooperation between our Computer Security
Subcommittee and the NCSC. There will be benefits for the
Intelligence Community and the rest of the Executive Branch
if we had an observer. I've discussed this with [] and
he agrees to serve as the observer if OK with you.

4. Recommendation: That you concur with this idea and
sign the attached memorandum to Dr. Dinneen.

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Attachment

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